

School District of River Falls
Educational Program Committee meeting

Monday, January 11, 2021 - 6:00 PM

River Falls High School Media Center, 818 Cemetery Road, River Falls, WI 54022

Agendas can be viewed at <https://www.rfsd.k12.wi.us/district/school-board.cfm> or at
<https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Organization/1447>

1. **CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 p.m. in the River Falls High School Media Center**

2. **MANNER OF PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF MEETING**

3. **HEARING OF VISITORS OR DELEGATIONS**

4. **Approve the District's Notice of Educational Options**

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Description: Jennifer Peterson, Director of Academic Services will present the District's Notice of Educational Options for approval pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 115.28 (54m). Educational options must be approved and posted on an annual basis prior to the Open Enrollment window being opened.

Recommended Action: Approve the District's Notice of Educational Options for the 2021-22 school year.

5. **Approve the memo to establish seats for Open Enrollment**

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Description: Jennifer Peterson, Director of Academic Services will present the memo to officially establish seats for Open Enrollment in the 2021-2022 school year.

Recommended Action: Approve the memo to establish Open Enrollment seats for the 2021-22 school year.

6. **Proposed/suggested items for the next regular and future Board meeting agenda(s)**

Description: Board members will be given the opportunity to suggest items for future Board member agendas.

Recommended Action: As needed.

7. **Schedule next Board/Committee meetings**

Description: Upcoming committee meeting dates, times, and locations will be reviewed.

Recommended Action: Set meeting schedule as follows:

Educational Program Committee meeting, Monday, February 1, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Meeting will be held at River Falls High School, 818 Cemetery Road.

8. **ADJOURN**

School District of River Falls
Educational Options for the 2021-22 School Year

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 115.28 (54m), notice must be provided regarding the educational options available to all students who are at least three years old, but not yet 18 years old. Each of the [following areas](#) represent educational options for Wisconsin students.

The School District of River Falls “Exceeded Expectations” on the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction’s District Report Card for the 2018-19 school year. No District Report Cards are being published for the 2019-20 school year. Specific district and school report cards can be located at <https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/reportcards/> for your convenience. Report card data can also be found on the district’s website under Academic Services and on each of our school’s individual web pages.

The School District of River Falls offers students a variety of educational options to children who reside within the boundaries of the School District of River Falls. The District’s primary educational pathway and instructional program for students begin with our 4-year-old kindergarten program through 12th grade. The District’s educational options and recent school performance category (if applicable) are listed below:

Enrollment Options:

- Attendance at resident public schools
- Attendance at private schools participating in the Wisconsin Private School Choice
- Program attendance at area charter schools
- Attendance at virtual schools
- Full-time open enrollment
- Early College Credit Program and Start College Now Program
- Partial enrollment options for pupils enrolled in a home-based private educational program
- Parents of children with disabilities are also advised that there is a special needs voucher program

School District of River Falls Specific Options:

River Falls 4 Children (4C) Community Sites:

Abundant Life
Jacob’s Ladder
Little Adventures 1
Little Adventures 2
The University Preschool
UW-River Falls CHILD Center
River Falls Public Montessori Elementary

Elementary Schools:

Greenwood Elementary School - Significantly Exceeds Standards
River Falls Public Montessori Elementary - Exceeds Standards
Rocky Branch Elementary School - Meets Standards
Westside Elementary School - Meets Standards

Middle School:

Meyer Middle School - Exceeds Standards

High Schools:

Renaissance Charter Academy (Day and Knight Alternative School) - N/A (Satisfactory Progress)

River Falls High School - Exceeds Standards

Additional Educational programs offered to eligible students who are enrolled in and attending school in the School District of River Falls include:

- Early childhood special education (for students who are at least 3 years old, prior to school-age)
- Special education for students with disabilities
- English learner services
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) Academies and local programs
- Personalized learning instructional opportunities
- Alternative educational program(s)
- Summer school programming
- Character education initiatives
- Academic and Career Planning Initiatives
- College and Career Fairs

High School Program Highlights:

Students at River Falls High School (RFHS) have a wide variety of educational opportunities throughout their time enrolled. These opportunities are provided to meet the needs of our students with variation in coursework as well as to personalize their learning experience to best meet their individual needs. Additionally, we strive to ensure we are providing quality opportunities aligned with our district and community expectations. Below are opportunities provided for current students enrolled at RFHS:

Face-to-Face Classroom Instruction:

Students at River Falls High School have the opportunity to enroll in a wide variety of coursework in core academic classes, visual arts, performing arts, career and technical education, family consumer science, and other elective opportunities. These courses offered by RFHS staff are offered through face-to-face instruction or hybrid online courses taught using our learning management system Schoology. Students participating in these educational opportunities are held accountable to the grading for learning guidelines identified by RFHS and included in our student handbook. These expectations are further communicated in teacher syllabi and/or course expectation guidelines.

Additional course opportunities include:

Online Courses (WVS) Hybrid Courses

Advanced Placement (AP)

Transcripted Credits (TC)

Advanced Standing (AS)

Independent Study (IS)

Project Lead the Way (PLTW)

Youth Apprenticeship (YA)

Work-Based Learning Experiences (SBE)

Renaissance Charter Academy (RCA)

Wisconsin Virtual School (WVS):

Students at RFHS are provided with the opportunity to participate in coursework offered through WVS. These courses are offered online through a partnership with CESA 9. RFHS students who enroll in WVS coursework have access to additional course opportunities not always offered at RFHS. RFHS has an identified Local Education Guide (LEG) who facilitates all student enrollment in WVS coursework. Our LEG conducts an introduction meeting with students, sends out regular student progress reports, and is available as a liaison if students have any difficulty in the online learning environment.

Why do we use WVS?

- WVS allows us the opportunity to offer courses that we are not able to offer at RFHS.
- WVS allows students to enroll in courses for students who want to participate in other priority courses that conflict with scheduled offerings.
- WVS allows students to personalize their schedule, course selection, and best meet their learning style.
- WVS strives to offer quality courses through their program, has established criteria and standards in which they select their providers, and regularly review and update their course offerings.

Early College Credit Program:

Early College Credit Program (ECCP) is a collaborative program between RFHS, UWRF, CVTC, and WITC. Students may enroll in college level courses that earn high school and college or technical school credit. Admission is based on school records and/or special interest courses, approval by the School Board, and available space. If approved, tuition and fees are paid by the school district. Application deadlines are March 1 for fall semester and October 1 for spring semester. Students may not enroll in more than 18 credits during their junior and senior years. Upon enrollment in an ECCP course, it is the student's responsibility to notify the college or technical school if the student decides not to take the course. This must be accomplished prior to the first class session in order to avoid enrollment charges. Students/families will be required to reimburse the school district for tuition costs in the event of failed or incomplete ECCP classes.

Part-time Open Enrollment:

Part-time Open Enrollments provides a means for Wisconsin students to take courses offered by other Wisconsin school districts and also includes the opportunity for students to enroll in courses offered by charter schools, various institutions of higher education, and approved nonprofit organizations at no cost to the student. Specifically, Part-time Open Enrollments allows students enrolled in a public school district to take up to two courses at any time from an educational institution. Part-time Open Enrollments applications must be submitted and received 6 weeks prior to the start of any course.

For more information, please contact the Director of Academic Services, Jennifer Peterson, at jennifer.peterson@rfsd.k12.wi.us or (715) 425-1800.

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Administrative recommendation to the River Falls School Board of Education for Open Enrollment during the 2021-22 school year:

The School Board of River Falls “shall” guarantee open enrollment approval to all currently-attending applicants and siblings of currently-attending applicants.

Enrollment projections in the School District of River Falls have been cast forward based on current student enrollment and has determined its available seat capacity for the 2021-22 school year for regular education students to be:

RF4C – unlimited seats

Greenwood ES, River Falls Public Montessori Elementary, Rocky Branch ES and Westside ES

Kindergarten – unlimited seats

Grades 1-5 – unlimited seats

Meyer Middle School

Grades 6, 7 and 8 – unlimited seats

River Falls High School

Grades 9-12 – unlimited seats

Renaissance Charter Academy

Grades 9-12 – five (5) seats

Special education seats are determined by program and staff availability. Open enrollment may be considered if the district is able to provide related services required in the student’s IEP and whether it has space. The River Falls School District shall review each student’s IEP individually to ensure the entire IEP can be provided. Based on current enrollment projections for the 2021-22 school year, the available seat capacity for special education students is based on specific programs offered in our district and listed below:

Cross-Categorical – ES zero (0) seats

Cross-Categorical – MS zero (0) seats

Cross-Categorical – HS zero (0) seats

Early Childhood Special Education – zero (0) seats

Emotional Behavioral Disability – ES zero (0) seats

Emotional Behavioral Disability – MS zero (0) seats

Emotional Behavioral Disability – HS zero (0) seats

Intellectual Disability Severe – ES zero (0) seats

Intellectual Disability Severe – MS zero (0) seats

Intellectual Disability Severe – HS zero (0) seats

Occupational Therapy – Early Childhood-12; zero (0) seats

Visual Impairment – Early Childhood-12; zero (0) seats

Hearing Impairment – Early Childhood-12; zero (0) seats

Physical Therapy – Early Childhood – 12; zero (0) seats

Specific Learning Disability – ES zero (0) seats

Specific Learning Disability – MS zero (0) seats

Specific Learning Disability – HS zero (0) seats

Speech and Language – Early Childhood-5; zero (0) seats

Speech and Language – MS zero (0) seats

Speech and Language – HS zero (0) seats

Visual Impairment – Early Childhood-12; zero (0) seats